

October News from Howard County Recycling

Shredding Events



Back by popular demand, two <u>Document</u>
<u>Shredding</u> events are scheduled this month.
Residents may bring up to three bags or boxes of paper to be shredded.

Please **ONLY** bring items that contain personal information. Junk mail, catalogs and office paper should set out for **regular curbside recycling**.

The scheduled details:

Saturday, October 10, 2020 from 9am-1pm (or until trucks are full)

Gary J. Arthur Community Center

Saturday, October 31, 2020 from 9am-1pm (or until trucks are full)
Long Gate Park & Ride (exit 1A off of Route 100)

Face coverings and social distancing will be enforced.

Give your Jack-O-Lanterns new life



Halloween isn't the end for your pumpkin.

When it's no longer spooky (or edible), be sure to compost it!

Did you know you can compost chopsticks too?

Check out our list of compostable items in our<u>Feed the Green Bin</u> collection program.

A Compost Nightmare



Japanese Stiltgrass: A Compost Nightmare

Japanese Stiltgrass (*Microstegium vimineum*) is an invasive annual grass that threatens our native plants and vegetation. It can be identified by its silver hairs down the center of its bamboo-like blades.





By the fall, the plant begins to flower and can put out between 100 and 1,000 seeds which can remain viable for over 5 years. To control the spread, the University of Maryland Extension Office recommends hand-pulling all weeds before they have a chance to go to seed.

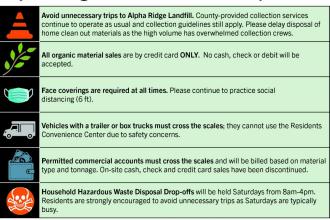
Due to the viability of the seed, do NOT compost in your backyard or in our <u>yard trim</u> or <u>Feed The Green Bin</u> collection programs. Material should be bagged for trash collection.

Visit <u>University of Maryland Extension's website</u> to learn more about Japanese Stiltgrass and other invasive species found in Maryland and how to manage them on your property.

ARL Reminder

Face Coverings required at all times
Organics sales resume (credit card only)

Alpha Ridge Landfill: Modified Operations



Services will continue to be evaluated as needed. Call 410-313-6444 to get the most up-to-date information from our recorded message or visit our website at HowardCountyRecycles.org.

Visit our website for up-to-date information.

Questions? Comments?



Getting your questions answered just got easier!

Need to exchange a cracked cart?

Don't see an item on our <u>Know Before You Throw</u> page?

Have a suggestion for our website?

Our **NEW** online form let's you easily submit a request. We're

Howard County Recycling 9801 Broken Land Parkway Columbia, MD 21046 Temporarily Closed to the Public Alpha Ridge Landfill 2350 Marriottsville Road Marriottsville, MD 21104 Open Mon.- Sat., 8 am to 4 pm

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Alpha Ridge Landfill <u>Curbside</u> <u>Collections</u> Feed The Green
Bin

Know Before You Throw Recycling

